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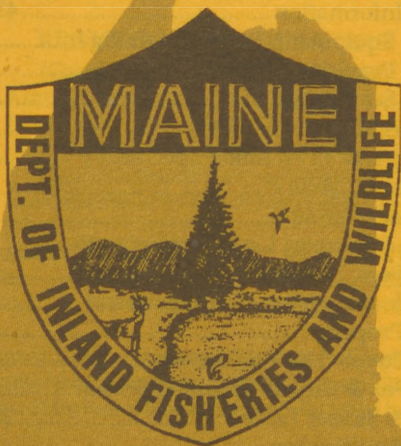
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HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS SUMMARY



1996-1997

Hunting & trapping season dates are revised annually; the dates printed in this summary should not be used for planning purposes after July 1997
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Hunting and Trapping Regulations

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The above numbers may be used to report a fire, ONLY if a warden or forest ranger cannot be reached.

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS.....It is unlawful for any dog to run at large at any time, except when used for hunting. (AT LARGE means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence or attention). It is unlawful for any dog to chase, wound, or kill a deer or moose at any time, or any other wild animal in closed season.

IMPORTANT HUNTING INFORMATION

- Sunday hunting is illegal in Maine.
- A person is required to keep his hunting license with him while hunting or transporting wild game and must show it to any warden, Department employee, guide or landowner upon request.
- It is unlawful for a person to take or disturb any trap or any wild animal found caught in any trap without the consent of the trap owner. A landowner is entitled to remove traps found on his property if permission to trap has not been granted.
- It is unlawful to discharge a firearm within 100 yards of a residential dwelling without permission from the owner or occupant.
- It is unlawful to possess a firearm on public school property or to discharge a firearm within 500 feet of school property, except as used in supervised educational programs or by law enforcement officials. (Title 20-A, §6552)
- It is unlawful to allow a junior hunter under the age of 16 to hunt other than in the presence of, and under the supervision of, an adult. A hunter who is 16 years of age and holds a junior hunting license must complete a hunter safety course prior to hunting without adult supervision.
- It is unlawful to drop, deposit, discard, dump or otherwise dispose of the carcass, waste parts or remains of a wild animal, except waste parts or remains resulting from the normal field dressing of lawfully harvested wild game or the lawful use of waste parts or remains of wild game as bait, except on private property owned by you, or in legally designated areas.
- Legal hunting hours: •During the open firearm season on deer (including the muzzleloading season), ALL hunting (except raccoon hunting) must cease at sunset. During the Special Archery Season on deer, hunting ends 1/2 hour after sunset. Bear hunting, outside of the open firearms season on deer, ends 1/2 hour after sunset. Moose hunting ends at sunset. Bird hunting also ends at sunset.
- See Page 42 for important information on tree stands and pages 47-48 for new laws pertaining to posting property and damaging private property.

HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING.

During the OPEN FIREARM SEASON ON DEER: Anyone who hunts with a firearm during the open firearm season on deer is required to wear two articles of solid-colored hunter orange clothing that are in good and serviceable condition and visible from all sides. One article must be a hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat or poncho.

During the MOOSE HUNTING SEASON: Anyone who hunts any species with a firearm in the area open to moose hunting must wear one article of hunter orange clothing. The only exception is waterfowl hunters who are hunting from a boat, blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys.

During the MUZZLELOADING SEASON ON DEER: The hunter orange clothing requirements listed above under the open firearm season on deer apply.

During the SPECIAL ARCHERY SEASON on deer, hunter orange clothing IS NOT required.

Bear hunters are not required to wear hunter orange unless hunting during any open firearm season on deer or within the moose hunting district during moose hunting season. The same applies to bird hunters.

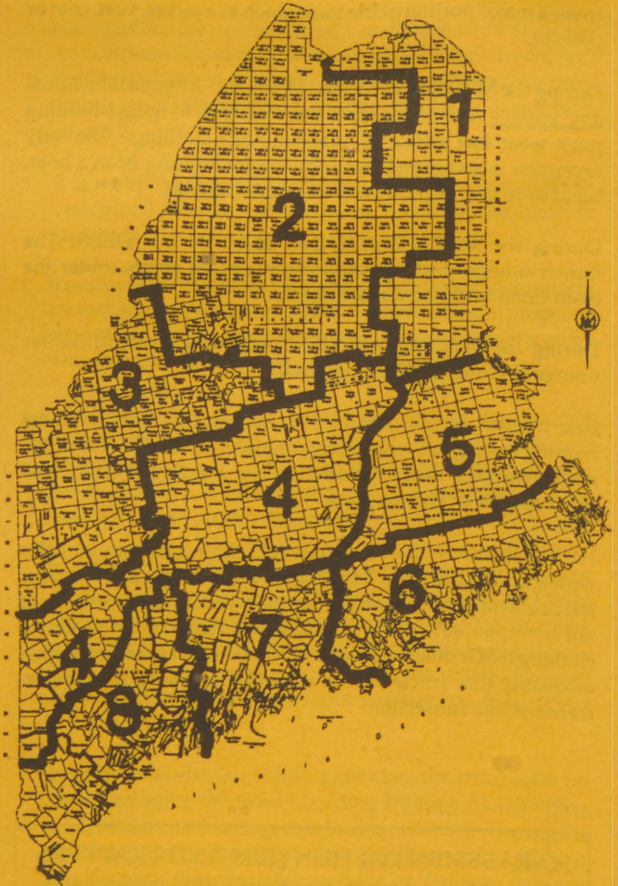
HUNTER ORANGE means a daylight fluorescent orange color with a dominant wave length between 595 and 605 nanometers, excitation purity not less than 85% and luminance factor of not less than 40%. The presence of a decal on an article of clothing that is otherwise solid-colored hunter orange does not disqualify that article of clothing from satisfying the requirements of this subsection.

HARASSMENT OF HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS

It is illegal for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking. (Note: This law does not limit the ownership use, access or control of property rights otherwise provided by law).

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS

This map is available in 8-1/2x11" size from any of the Inland Fisheries & Wildlife Offices throughout the State and is included in the Trapper Information Mailing.



HUNTING SEASONS

All dates are inclusive unless they fall on a Sunday
(NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY)

DEER

Firearms season Nov. 4 - Nov. 30
Maine residents only Nov. 2
Special archery season Oct. 3-Nov. 1
Muzzle-loader season Dec. 2-Dec. 7
Dec. 2-Dec. 14*

*Deer Mgmt. Districts 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 & 18

See Pg. 11 for information regarding hunting antlerless deer.

BEAR SEE PAGE 9

RUFFED GROUSE, PHEASANT*, BOBWHITE QUAIL

W.M.U's 1 & 2 Oct. 1 - Nov. 30

W.M.U's 3,4,5,6,7,8 Oct. 1 - Dec. 10

*A Pheasant Stamp is required to hunt/possess pheasant in York & Cumberland Counties. See Page 17

WOODCOCK, WATERFOWL, SNIPE, GALLINULES ,

RAILS (See Migratory Game Bird Schedule for season dates.)

Duck stamp is not required to hunt/possess woodcock, snipe, gallinule and rails.

SPRUCE GROUSE NO OPEN SEASON

RABBIT

(Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare) Oct. 1 - Mar. 31

Season on Island of Vinalhaven Oct. 1 - Feb. 28

It is unlawful to hunt rabbits with dogs during the open firearms season on deer in Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo & Washington Counties

GRAY SQUIRREL Oct. 1 - Nov. 30

RACCOON Oct. 1 - Dec. 31

SKUNK, OPOSSUM Oct. 28 - Dec. 31

FOX Oct. 28 - Feb. 28

BOBCAT Dec. 1 - Jan. 31

LYNX & CARIBOU NO OPEN SEASON

COYOTE, WOODCHUCK,

RED SQUIRREL & PORCUPINE Jan. 1 - Dec. 31

CROW (Split Season) Mar. 14 - Apr. 30

July 16 - Sept. 29

MOOSE: Oct. 7 - Oct.12, 1996 - Hunting by permit only. See Page 25

TURKEY: Hunting by permit only - See Page 14

NOTE: Except for migratory game birds, there is no general hunting season on any species of bird or animal which is not listed in the above chart.

BAG LIMITS		
SPECIES	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
DEER	One may be taken annually	
BEAR	One may be taken annually (either by hunting or trapping)	
RUFFED GROUSE	4	8
BOBWHITE QUAIL	4	8
PHEASANT	2	4
RABBIT (Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare)	4	8
GRAY SQUIRREL	4	8
Other Legal Species	No limit on the number which may be taken	
Migratory Birds, Ducks, Geese, etc. - See Migratory Bird Regs.		

Note: All deer and bear must be registered at the first open game registration station

TRAPPING SEASONS (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)		
SPECIES	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY
BEAR (2 trap limit)	Sept. 22	Oct. 31
Bobcat, Coyote, ¹ Fisher, Fox, ¹ Marten, ² Raccoon, Red Squirrel, Skunk, Weasel, Mink, Muskrat, ³ Otter, ⁴ Opossum	STATEWIDE	
	1996	
	Nov. 3	Dec. 31
	1997	
	Nov. 2	Dec. 31
BEAVER ⁵		
WMU 1, 2*, 3, & 5	Dec. 1	Mar. 31
WMU 4*, 6, & 7	Dec. 15	Feb. 28
WMU 8	Jan. 1, '97	Feb. 28, '97

There is no open trapping season on any species of animal which is not listed in the above chart.

- 1 See section on special Fox and Coyote Trapping Season on Page 12.
- 2 The harvest of marten will be limited to 25 marten per trapper statewide.
- 3 In addition to the regular muskrat trapping season, muskrats may be trapped during the beaver trapping season only in areas which are open to beaver trapping.
- 4 Licensed trappers may lawfully possess any otter taken by accident in a legal beaver or muskrat set.
- 5 Beaver trapping seasons are set by wildlife management unit. A complete list of areas closed to the trapping of beaver is available upon request.

* Portions of WMU's 2 & 4 have been opened under special regulations - please refer to Trapper Information Book for more information.

BEAR HUNTING INFORMATION

SEASON	HUNTING DATES	
	First Day	Last Day
General Hunting Season	Aug. 26	Nov. 30
Hunting w/Dogs Allowed	Sept. 9	Nov. 1
Hunting with Bait*	Aug. 26	Sept. 21

*It is unlawful to hunt for bear with the use of bait from September 23 to November 30. Hunting with the use of bait is defined as hunting from an observation stand, blind or other location which overlooks any bait or food; except standing crops and foods that have been left as a result of normal agricultural operations or natural occurrence.

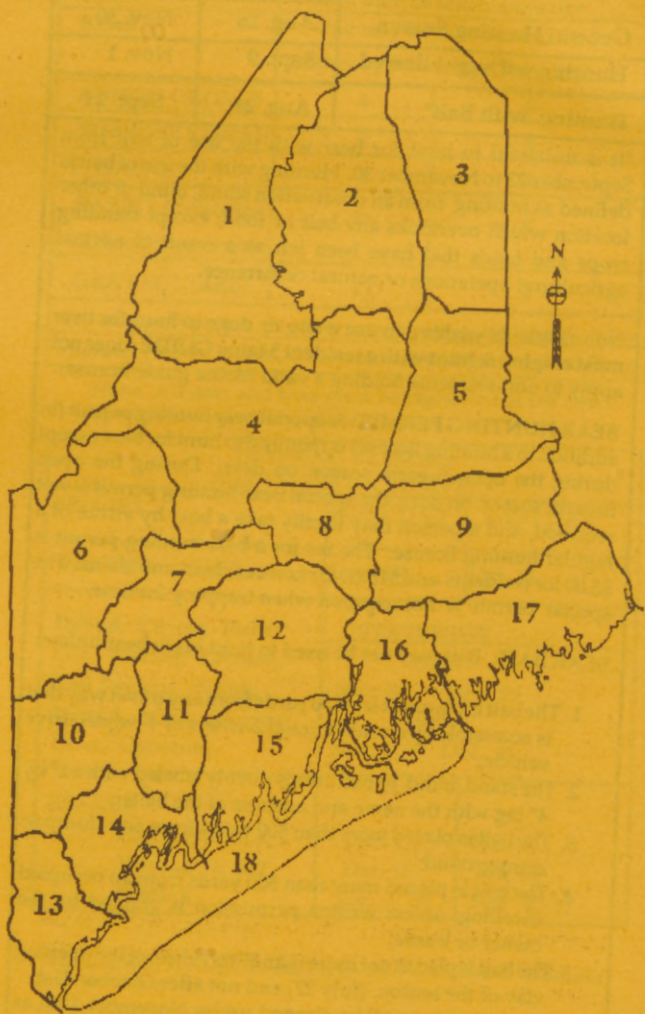
Non-residents wishing to use a dog or dogs to hunt for bear must employ & hunt with a resident Maine GUIDE (does not apply to non-residents holding a valid Maine guide license).

BEAR HUNTING PERMIT: A special bear hunting permit (in addition to a hunting license) is required to hunt for bear except during the open firearm season on deer. During the open firearm season on deer, the special bear hunting permit is not required, and a person may legally take a bear by virtue of a regular hunting license. The fee for a bear hunting permit is \$5.00 for residents and \$15.00 for non-residents and aliens. The special permit is not required when trapping for bear.

BEAR BAIT: Bait may not be used to hunt black bear unless:

1. The bait is placed at least 50 yards from any travel way that is accessible by a conventional 2-wheel or 4-wheel drive vehicle;
2. The stand, blind, or bait area is plainly labeled with a 2" by 4" tag with the name and address of the baiter;
3. The bait is placed more than 500 yards from any dump or campground;
4. The bait is placed more than 500 yards from an occupied dwelling, unless written permission is granted by the owner or leasee;
5. The bait is placed not more than 30 days before the opening day of the season (July 27) and not after October 31st;
6. The bait areas will be cleaned up by November 10th as defined by the State litter laws; and
7. The person hunting from any stand or blind of another person has permission of the owner of that stand or blind.

"BEAR BAIT" means any animal or plant, or derivative of an animal or plant, used to attract bear. "Bear bait" does not include any packaging or container materials that fall within the definition of litter under Title 17, § 2263.



**ANTLERLESS DEER PERMIT
HUNTING DISTRICTS**

ANTLERLESS DEER PROTECTED

Hunting of ANTLERLESS DEER (any deer which does not have antlers or any deer which has antlers less than 3 inches in length measured from the skull) is prohibited except by special permit during both the regular firearms season and the muzzleloading season. (Any Deer Permit holders will be selected through chance drawing in September for the 1996 deer hunting season. For information regarding Any-Deer Permits for the 1997 season, contact the Department after June 1. Application deadline is August 15).

Hunting of ANTLERED DEER is allowed throughout the State during both the regular firearms season and the muzzle-loading season. Only ONE deer may be taken annually.

Deer of either sex may be taken during the special archery season.

SPECIAL LANDOWNER PERMIT DRAWING

In recognition of landowners who allow the public to access their private land for outdoor recreation, especially hunting, twenty-percent of the Any Deer Permits are given, in a special drawing, to landowners who own 25 or more acres in a single parcel and permit the public to hunt on the land. Any dependent living in the household of a qualifying landowner is also eligible.

Landowners do not have to apply for the district where the 25+ acre parcel of land is located if applying with a regular hunting license.

Landowners not drawn in the Special Landowner Permit drawing will be entered into the Regular Any Deer Permit drawing.

Landowners who misrepresent land ownership, acreage size, or do not allow hunting after receiving a Special Landowner Permit may be prohibited from applying for future Any Deer Permits.

SPECIAL FOX & COYOTE TRAPPING SEASON (STATEWIDE*)

During the special season (Oct. 27 - Nov. 2, 1996) it is unlawful to take or possess any furbearing animal other than fox, coyote, raccoon, skunk and opossum. Any raccoon, skunk or opossum taken incidental to fox and coyote trapping may be lawfully possessed. Any other furbearing animal caught incidentally in a fox or coyote set must be immediately released alive, or, if found dead in the trap, must be reported to a game warden as soon as possible and prior to removal of the animal from the trap and trap site location. Any such incidental catch found dead in the trap must be turned over to an agent of the Commissioner within 48 hours from the time it was discovered.

During this special season, in addition to Department rules and State laws which affect trapping in general, the following restrictions apply:

- a. All traps must be set at or below ground level.
- b. Killer-type traps are prohibited.
- c. Traps may not be set in the water.
- d. The use of exposed bait or visible attractor at any trap site location is prohibited.

*In WMU's 1 and 2, there shall be a special fox, coyote and muskrat trapping season (Oct. 27 - Nov. 2, 1996). All regulations above apply with the following exceptions.

- a. All traps must be set at or below ground or water level.
- b. Killer-type traps may be used for muskrat trapping and must have a jaw spread no greater than 5 inches.
- c. The maximum foothold trap size for muskrat sets shall be No. 1-1/2 during this special season.
- d. The use of exposed bait or visible attractor at any trap site location is prohibited.

Any raccoon, skunk, opossum or mink taken incidental to muskrat trapping may be lawfully possessed.

It is the intent of the Department to revoke (pursuant to Title 12, § 7077) the trapping license of any person convicted of a violation of any provision in this section.

SPECIAL COYOTE SEASON

Licensed hunters may obtain, at a fee of \$2.00, a permit from the Department to hunt coyotes at night from January 1st to April 30th under the following conditions:

- a. Hunting is limited to the hours between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise and shall cease at midnight each Saturday and resume at 12:01 a.m. each Monday.
- b. Hunters must be in possession of an electronic, hand-held or mouth-operated predator calling device.

BOW AND ARROW HUNTING

Applicants for an adult archery hunting license must submit proof of having successfully completed an archery hunter education course or provide satisfactory evidence of having previously held an adult archery hunting license issued specifically for the purpose of hunting with bow and arrow in this or any other State, province or country in any year after 1979

- A. An archery hunting license is required for persons 16 years of age or older to hunt any species of wild animal or wild bird with bow and arrow during the special archery season on deer. A person 10 years of age or older and under 16 may hunt with bow and arrow, provided he holds a valid junior hunting license and is accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian, or an adult, at least 18 years of age, approved by a parent or guardian. An archery license allows bow and arrow hunting of legal game throughout the year.
- B. If a person takes a deer with a bow and arrow, he is prohibited from hunting deer by any means for the remainder of the year.
- C. A person is not allowed to carry a firearm of any kind, excluding handguns, while hunting any species of wildlife with bow and arrow during the special archery season on deer. (When carrying a handgun, must possess a valid firearms hunting license. Handgun may not be used to hunt or dispatch deer.)
- D. Laws which allow persons to hunt without a license on their own land under certain conditions apply to archery hunting.
- E. Deer may be taken under the archery provisions only by means of hand bow and broad-head arrow.
- F. The bow must be capable of shooting an arrow at least 150 yards.
- G. Arrow heads must be at least 7/8 inch in width.
- H. It is unlawful to use a crossbow or set bow or to use arrows with poisonous or explosive tips.
- I. All deer killed by bow and arrow during the special archery season on deer must be inspected and registered at the first open deer registration station.
- J. During the Special Archery Season on deer, it is lawful to hunt until 1/2 hour after sunset.
- K. Deer of either sex may be taken during the Special Archery Season
- L. Hunter orange clothing is not required when hunting with bow and arrow .
- M. Except as specified, all other laws relating to the taking of deer shall apply to the taking of deer with bow and arrow.

MUZZLE-LOADING DEER HUNTING SEASON

- A. A muzzle-loading hunting license in the form of a stamp, in addition to a valid license to hunt big game with firearms, (16 & older) or junior hunting license (10 to 15 years of age) is required for persons to hunt deer with muzzle-loading rifles during the special muzzle-loading deer season. The stamp must be affixed to the person's big game or junior hunting license.
- B. If a person takes a deer during any open season, he is prohibited from hunting deer by any means for the remainder of the year.
- C. For purposes of the special muzzle-loading season, muzzle-loading firearm means a rifled or smooth-bored firearm that is: forty caliber or greater; capable of firing only a single charge; loaded through the muzzle with powder and bullet or ball; and ignited by percussion cap or priming charge of a flint, match, or wheel lock mechanism. (ONLY MUZZLE-LOADING FIREARMS MAY BE USED DURING THE MUZZLE-LOADING SEASON).
- D Except as specified, all other laws relating to the taking of deer with firearms shall apply to the taking of deer with muzzle-loading firearms.

TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

The dates for the annual open season on turkeys (usually the month of May) will be established in the Fall of 1996

No more than 10% of the permits may be issued to non-residents. Applicants will be randomly selected.

For further information, contact the Department after December 1.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1.

UPLAND GAME, MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS, AND FURBEARING ANIMALS

The following shall be considered **upland game**: Cottontail rabbit, Snowshoe hare, Gray squirrel, Red squirrel, Ring-necked pheasant, Ruffed grouse, Spruce grouse, Woodchuck (Note: No open season on spruce grouse).

The following shall be considered **migratory gamebirds**: Anatidae or waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks, geese and swans; Gruidae or cranes, including little brown, sandhill and whooping cranes; Rallidae or rails, including coots, gullinules and sora and other rails; Limicolae or shorebirds, including avocets, curlew, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oystercatchers, phalaropes, plover, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet, woodcock and yellow-legs; Columbidae or pigeons, including doves and wild pigeons. (Note: Migratory bird hunting regulations are located in a separate publication which is printed in September).

The following shall be considered **furbearing animals**: Beaver, Bobcat, Canada Lynx, Coyote, Fisher, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk, Weasel, Marten (sable), Otter. (Note: NO open season on Canada lynx. NO open HUNTING season on beaver, fisher, marten, mink, muskrat, otter and weasel).

DOG TRAINING SEASON

Dogs may be trained on foxes, rabbit and raccoons from July 1st through the following March 31st. While training dogs during this period (except during the open hunting season on these species), it is unlawful to use or possess a firearm other than a pistol or a shotgun and only if loaded with blank ammunition.

Residents may train up to 4 dogs on bear from August 1 to the start of the bear hunting season, except south of Route 9 in Washington and Hancock counties.

Sporting dogs (as defined by the American Kennel Club, including pointers, retrievers, setters, spaniels, Vizslas, Weimaraners and wirehaired pointing griffons) may be trained on wild birds at any time. (During dog training seasons, it is lawful to train dogs on Sunday). The Commissioner may authorize the use of firearms during such training to shoot and kill wild birds propagated or legally acquired by the permittee and possessed in accordance with the laws pertaining to breeders licenses.

LAWS PERTAINING TO LICENSES & PERMITS

A person who is prohibited from possessing a firearm under Title 15, §393, sub-§1 is not eligible to obtain any license or permit issued by the Department that authorizes a person to hunt with a firearm, unless that person possesses a permit in accordance with Title 15, §393, sub-§2. Any person applying for such a license or permit must sign a written statement on the license verifying that they are not prohibited by law from possessing a firearm or have been issued a permit to possess a firearm pursuant to Title 15, §393, sub-§2.

ALIEN means a person who is not a citizen of the United States. **NON-RESIDENT** means a citizen of the United States who does not fall within the definition of **ALIEN OR RESIDENT**. **RESIDENT** means a citizen of the U.S. who has been domiciled in this State continuously during the 3 months next prior to the date on which the person applies for any license, or an alien who has been so domiciled for one year. No person may be considered a resident if the person has not: a) if registered to vote, registered in Maine; b) if licensed to drive a motor vehicle, made application for a Maine motor vehicle license; c) if owning a motor vehicle or vehicles located within the State, registered each such vehicle in Maine; d) complied with the State income tax laws; and e) if a full-time student at a Maine college or university, resides in Maine continuously for 3 months AND satisfies above requirements.

1. **HUNTING LICENSE:** A person is required to obtain a valid hunting license prior to hunting wild birds or wild animals. All applicants for an adult firearms hunting license must show proof of having previously held an adult license to hunt with firearms or having successfully completed an approved hunter safety course since 1976.
 - a. A person is required to keep his hunting license with him while hunting or transporting wild game and must show it to any warden, Department employee, guide or landowner upon request.
 - b. Possession of a firearm in the fields or forests or on the waters or ice of the State without a hunting license is prima facie evidence of hunting in violation of law.
 - c. Maine residents may obtain hunting licenses from any resident license agent. (NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit proof of residency).

- d. Non-residents may obtain hunting licenses, in person or by mail, from the Department office in Augusta or from any of the numerous non-resident license agents throughout the State.
 - e. A Maine resident may hunt without a license on his own land if he lives on that particular piece of land, and the piece of land exceeds 10 acres in size and is used exclusively for agricultural purposes.
2. **PHEASANT STAMP:** Any person 16 years of age or older is required to obtain a pheasant stamp prior to hunting or possessing pheasants in Cumberland & York Counties. (Available from Town Clerk).
- a. A person is required to validate the stamp by writing their signature across the face of the stamp in ink.
 - b. A person is required to have his pheasant stamp with him in order to hunt or possess pheasant in Cumberland and York Counties.
3. **MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP:** Any person 16 years of age or older is required to obtain a State migratory waterfowl stamp prior to hunting waterfowl.
- a. A person is required to validate the stamp by writing his signature across the face of the stamp in ink.
 - b. A person is required to have his migratory waterfowl stamp with him in order to hunt or possess waterfowl.
4. **ARCHERY LICENSE:** An archery license allows bow and arrow hunting of legal game throughout the year (except for deer during the muzzleloading season). (NOTE: A regular hunting license also allows bow and arrow hunting EXCEPT that during the special archery season on deer, an archery license is required to hunt any legal species with bow and arrow).
5. **OTHER HUNTING LICENSE PROVISIONS:**
- a. A resident license to hunt, trap or fish will be issued to a person serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and permanently stationed at a military base in Maine (includes spouse & children if they permanently reside with that person).

- b. A resident license to hunt or fish will be issued to any citizen of a foreign nation under 21 years of age who is living with a family in Maine in connection with any cultural or educational exchange program.
- c. A special combination license to hunt and fish (Service-man Combination Hunting and Fishing) will be issued to any serviceman who is on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and permanently stationed outside Maine (includes spouse and dependent children), provided he can show proof that his home of record, as recorded in his service record, is Maine.

6. COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES:

- a. A free license to hunt (including special archery, muzzle-loading, and pheasant hunting permit), fish or trap or a renewal of a license to guide will be issued, upon application, to any Maine resident who is 70 years of age or older. Residents who apply for these complimentary licenses at any time during the calendar year of their 70th birthday shall be issued a license upon application, regardless of the actual date during that calendar year when they attain age 70.
- b. A free license to hunt, fish or trap will be issued, upon application, to any Maine Indian who is a member of the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet or Micmac tribe. (License must be obtained from their respective tribal headquarters).
- c. A free license to hunt (including muzzle-loading and a pheasant permit) or fish, will be issued, upon application, to any Maine resident who is a war veteran and has a service-connected disability of 100%, or has served in a combat zone and has a service-connected disability of 70% or more.
- d. A free license to hunt or fish will be issued, upon application, to Maine residents or non-residents (if reciprocal privileges exist in the home state of the non-resident) who are suffering from the loss, or loss of use of, both lower extremities.

7. TRAPPING LICENSE:

- a. A person is required to obtain a valid trapping license prior to setting or tending traps for wild animals. A license is also required when assisting another person

in setting or tending traps. All applicants for an adult trapping license must show proof of having held an adult trapping license after January 1, 1978, or of having successfully completed an approved trapper education course.

- b. A Maine resident may trap wild animals, except beaver, without a license on his own land if he lives on that particular piece of land and uses the land exclusively for agricultural purposes.
- c. Trapping licenses are valid from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the following year.
- d. Renewal forms will be mailed to trappers who were licensed the previous year. Others may apply for licenses through the IF&W office in Augusta.

8. GUIDE'S LICENSE:

- a. Any person who receives any form or remuneration for his services in accompanying or assisting others while hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, snowmobiling or camping at a primitive camping area is required to have a guide's license.
- b. No person may act as a guide until he is 18 years of age.
- c. Any person who wishes to become licensed as a guide must submit an application to the Commissioner on forms provided by the Department.
- d. Any person who has not previously been licensed as a Maine guide will be required to pass an examination before a Board of Examiners. Examination Fee: \$100.00
- e. Qualified applicants may be licensed as guides in either general or specialized classifications.

9. OTHER LICENSES (Obtained at the Augusta office):

HIDE DEALERS LICENSE (Valid from July 1 to June 30): Any person who commercially buys, sells or barter any raw, untanned wild animal hide or head is required to have a hide dealer's license. A license is also required when assisting another person in this activity, except that an employee of a licensed hide dealer may, without a license, assist in this

activity only at the dealer's fixed place of business. (Note: This license is not required in order for a person to sell the head, hide, antlers and feet of a deer and moose; head, hide, teeth, gall bladder and claws of any bear or any furbearing animal which he had legally taken).

SEASONAL HIDE DEALERS LICENSE (Valid from October 1 to December 31): The Commissioner may issue a special hide dealer's license to any person who maintains a place of business for the butchering of wild animals within this State. The license permits a holder commercially to sell or barter the heads or untanned hides of deer or moose that are butchered in the license holder's place of business.

TAXIDERMIST LICENSE (Valid from July 1 to June 30): A taxidermist license will be issued to any applicant who is skilled in the art of taxidermy. This license allows a person to possess, at his place of business, lawfully possessed fish or wildlife for the sole purpose of preparing and mounting them.

FALCONRY LICENSE: A falconry license, in addition to a regular hunting license, is required of persons who engage in falconry. Copies of the regulations pertaining to this type of hunting are available upon request.

10. **LICENSE EXPIRATION:** Unless otherwise specifically provided, all licenses and permits expire on December 31st of the calendar year for which they were issued.
11. **UNLAWFUL CONDUCT:** It is unlawful to obtain any license or permit through misstatement or misrepresentation or to possess any license or permit which has been altered, mutilated or tampered with in any manner.
12. **LICENSE REVOCATION:** In addition to any penalty which may be imposed by a court of law, the Commissioner may revoke the license of any person convicted of violating the fish and wildlife laws.

GENERAL HUNTING PROVISIONS

TO HUNT means to hunt for, pursue, molest, shoot, catch, take, kill, wound or destroy wild birds and wild animals.

SUNRISE and SUNSET means the time computed and established for sunrise and sunset for Augusta, Maine, by the Nautical Almanac Office of the United States Naval Observatory, converted to the legal standard of time in force in this State on that day. A table is printed in this booklet.

WILD ANIMAL or WILD BIRD means a species of mammal or bird which is wild by nature, whether or not bred or reared in captivity and includes any physical part of that species of mammal or bird.

1. **Closed season.** There is a closed season for the hunting of any species of wild animal or wild bird for which an open hunting season is not specifically provided.
2. **Closed season violation.** It is unlawful to hunt any wild animal or wild bird during the closed season on that species or possess any wild animal or wild bird taken during the closed season on that species.
3. **Unlawful conduct.** It is unlawful to hunt, possess, or transport any wild animal or wild bird, or parts thereof, except as provided in the fish and wildlife laws.
4. **Eagles.** It is unlawful to hunt or possess any eagle or parts thereof.
5. **Caribou.** It is unlawful to hunt or possess any caribou. (Note: Violation punishable by a \$10,000 fine and 3-month jail sentence).
6. **Night hunting:** It is unlawful to hunt wild birds from sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise of the following day; or to hunt wild animals, except raccoons and coyotes, from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise the following day. **During the open firearm season on deer, all hunting must cease at sunset, except raccoon hunting. (See twilight hunting below).**
7. **Twilight hunting:** A person is guilty of twilight hunting if he hunts wild animals, except raccoons, between sunset and 1/2 hour after sunset during the open firearm season on deer.

8. **Raccoon hunting.** Raccoons may be hunted at night during the open season only when the hunter meets certain requirements (see "Raccoon hunting" under Laws Pertaining to Hunting Equipment).
9. **Loaded firearm in motor vehicle.** It is unlawful to have a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle or trailer, except as may be specifically allowed. (Note: A loaded clip may be carried in a motor vehicle, but it must not be inserted in, or attached to, a firearm).
- a. Persons who hold a valid Maine permit to carry a concealed weapon may carry a loaded pistol or revolver.
 - b. For purposes of this law, a muzzle-loading firearm is considered to be loaded ONLY if charged with powder, lead and a primed ignition device or mechanism.
10. **Illegal use of lights.** (See section on illegal use of lights under Laws Pertaining to Hunting Equipment).
11. **Hunting from motor vehicle.** It is unlawful to hunt from or with any motor vehicle, trailer or motorboat, except that migratory waterfowl may be hunted from a motorboat in accordance with federal regulations. (Note: Paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may hunt from motor vehicles which are not in motion).
12. **Wild birds.** It is unlawful to hunt, kill, possess, transport, buy or sell any wild bird, including migratory game birds, except as provided in the fish and wildlife laws. It is also unlawful to take, possess or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any wild bird.
13. **Sunday hunting.** It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday. (Possession of firearms in the fields and forests or on the waters or ice of this State or in a motor vehicle being operated on an unpaved road located in an unorganized township on Sunday shall be prima facie evidence of hunting unless the firearm is carried, securely wrapped in a complete cover, fastened in a case, or carried in at least 2 separate pieces in such a manner that it cannot be fired unless the separate pieces are joined together again. For the purpose of this paragraph, a clip, a magazine, or cylinder of a firearm shall not be considered a piece of the firearm).

14. **Hunting from paved way.** It is unlawful to hunt from or across a paved way or within 10 feet of the edge of the pavement of the paved way or within the right-of-way of controlled access highways, or discharge any firearm across a paved way. (PAVED WAY means any road treated with bituminous or concrete material). Possession of a loaded firearm on a paved way or within 10 feet of the edge of the pavement of a paved way or within the right-of-way of any controlled access highway is prima facie evidence of hunting.
15. **Shooting of domestic animals.** It is unlawful for any person, while on a hunting trip, to negligently, carelessly, or willfully shoot and wound or kill any domestic animal or domestic bird.
16. **Hunting rabbits during deer season.** It is unlawful to hunt rabbits with dogs during the firearm season on deer in Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and Washington counties.
17. **Hunting under the influence.** It is unlawful to hunt while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
18. **Shooting within 100 yards of dwelling.** It is unlawful to discharge a firearm within 100 yards of residential dwelling without permission from the owner or occupant.
19. **Firearms on school property.** It is a violation of Title 20-A Section 6552 to possess a firearm on public school property or discharge one within 500 feet of school property, except as used in supervised educational programs or by law enforcement officials.
20. **Destruction of property.** It is unlawful to tear down a fence or wall, destroy any crop or leave open any bars or gate on another person's land.
21. **Littering.** It is unlawful to dispose of litter anywhere in this state except in areas or receptacles designed for that purpose.
22. **Unlawful cutting of trees, etc.** It is a violation of Title 14, subsection 2552, and Title 17, subsection 2510 if any person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently cuts down or fells any tree without the consent of the owner of the property on which the tree stands.

LAWS PERTAINING TO HUNTING EQUIPMENT

1. **Legal methods.** Wild animals and wild birds may be hunted only by the use of firearms (not larger than 10-gauge), hand-held bow and arrow, or by falconry. (Cross-bows are illegal).
2. **Shotgun to be plugged.** It is unlawful to hunt any migratory game bird with a shotgun originally capable of holding more than 3 shells unless the magazine has been cut off, altered, or plugged with a one-piece filler (incapable of removal without disassembling the gun), so as to reduce the capacity of the gun to not more than 3 shells in the magazine & chamber combined.
3. **Automatic firearm (a firearm that continues to fire as long as the trigger is held back).** It is unlawful to hunt with or possess for hunting any automatic firearm.
4. **Auto-loading firearm (a firearm which reloads itself after each shot and requires a separate trigger pull for each shot).** It is unlawful to hunt with or possess for hunting any auto-loading firearm which has a magazine capacity of more than 5 cartridges, unless the magazine has been permanently altered to contain not more than 5 cartridges. (Note: This provision does not apply to .22 caliber rimfire guns or to auto-loading pistols with barrel lengths of less than 8 inches).
5. **Silencer.** It is unlawful to hunt with or possess for hunting any firearm fitted or contrived with any device for deadening the sound of the explosion.
6. **Illegal cartridges.** It is unlawful to use, for hunting, cartridges which contain tracer bullets or explosive bullets.
7. **Illegal use of lights.** From September 1 to December 15, it is unlawful to use artificial lights from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise to illuminate, jack, locate, attempt to locate or show up wild animals or wild birds, except raccoons as explained below.
8. **Raccoon hunting.** Raccoons may be hunted at night during the open season only when the hunter is: a) accompanied by a dog; b) uses an electric flashlight to locate raccoons that are treed, or held at bay, by a dog or dogs, and; c) uses a rifle or handgun of no greater power than one which uses .22 caliber long rifle ammunition;

said rifle to be loaded only when being used to dispatch a raccoon that is treed or held at bay by dogs.

9. **Illegal devices.** It is unlawful to hunt with the use of a swivel, pivot, or set gun, or any poisonous or stupefying substance.
10. **Sale of illegal devices.** It is unlawful to sell or offer for sale any swivel, pivot or set gun, or any poisonous substance for the taking of wild animals or wild birds, except rodenticide for orchard mouse control and gas cartridges for woodchuck control.

LAWS PERTAINING TO DEER, BEAR, & MOOSE

MOOSE: Hunting allowed by permit only. Those receiving a permit in any given year are ineligible for permits in the next two annual drawings. For further information, contact this Department after January 1. Application deadline: April 30.

DEER: Hunting of antlerless deer is prohibited except by special permit during the regular firearms season and the muzzle-loading season. For further information, contact this Department after June 1. Application deadline: August 15.

1. **Limit on deer and bear:** It is unlawful to take or possess more than one deer or more than one bear in any calendar year.
2. **Tagging and registration requirements:** Whenever a deer or bear is killed, the person who killed the animal is required by law to follow certain procedures:
 - a. The person must immediately attach, securely, the appropriate tag portion of his hunting license to the deer or bear in such a way that the tag is plainly visible, or if the bear is taken by trapping, the trapper must immediately attach to the bear a tag bearing his full name, address, and trapping license number.
 - b. Except as otherwise specified, the person who killed the deer or bear must accompany the animal whenever it is moved or transported, and until the deer or bear has been legally registered, the animal must be kept open to view at all times during transportation.

c. The person must, within 12 hours, present the deer or bear for registration at a game registration station, except as follows:

(1) A person may, if necessary, leave an unregistered deer or bear in the woods for more than 12 hours, provided he notifies a warden as to the location of the deer or bear and the circumstances necessitating his leaving the animal in the woods.

(2) A person on a hunting trip in an unorganized township and staying at a temporary place of lodging may keep an unregistered deer or bear at that temporary place of lodging for a period not to exceed 7 days or until he leaves the woods, whichever comes first. (Does not require warden notification).

d. The deer or bear must be registered at the first open game registration station on the route taken by the person.

e. The person who killed the deer or bear must register the animal in his own name.

f. Prior to presenting a deer or bear for registration, it is unlawful for any person to possess, leave in the woods, or transport a deer or bear which does not have securely attached to it and plainly visible, the appropriate tag portion of his hunting license bearing his full name and address, or if the bear is taken by trapping, a tag bearing the trapper's full name, address, and trapping license number.

3. False registration of deer or bear. It is unlawful for any person to present for registration or allow to be registered in his name a deer or bear, including a bear taken by trapping, which he did not lawfully kill.

4. Transportation of deer and bear by residents.

a. A Maine resident may transport a properly registered deer or bear **WITHIN THE STATE** if he accompanies the animal, or he may have it transported without accompanying it by purchasing and attaching to the animal the appropriate transportation tag obtainable from game wardens. (Fee is \$5.00).

- b. A Maine resident may transport a properly registered deer or bear OUT-OF-STATE, or have it transported for him, by purchasing and attaching to the animal the appropriate transportation tag obtainable from game wardens. (Fee is \$55.00, except that no fee is required of residents who are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States).

5. Transportation of deer & bear by nonresidents.

- a. A non-resident, by virtue of his hunting license, may transport a properly registered deer or bear out-of-state if he accompanies the animal.
- b. A non-resident may also have his deer or bear transported by a transportation company.
- c. A non-resident who has his deer or bear transported by anyone other than a Maine licensed transportation company must first obtain the appropriate non-resident transportation permit obtainable from game wardens. (No fee).

6. Hunting deer or bear after having killed one. It is unlawful to hunt deer after having killed or registered one during the open season of that calendar year. The same provision applies to bear.

7. Illegal possession of deer or bear. Except as specified, it is unlawful to possess a deer or bear, or parts of a deer or bear which has not been registered.

8. Possession of gift deer or gift bear. It is unlawful for any person to possess any part of a deer or bear which has been given to him unless each part is plainly labeled with the name and address of: a) the person who registered the animal; b) the party to whom it was given; and c) if transported by a 3rd party, the 3rd party.

9. Buying or selling deer or bear. It is unlawful to buy, sell, offer for sale, or barter a deer or bear or parts of a deer or bear. It is also unlawful to counsel or otherwise aid in buying, selling, offering for sale or bartering either of these animals or parts thereof. (Note: A person may sell the head, hide, antler and feet of any deer and the head, hide, teeth, gall bladder and claws of any bear which he lawfully possesses).

SUNRISE AND SUNSET AT AUGUSTA, MAINE

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Add one hour for Daylight Saving Time, when in effect. It usually begins the last Sunday in April and ends the last Sunday in October, each year.

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This table is a photocopy of the schedule furnished by the Nautical Almanac Office of the U.S. Navy and is the official time referred to in section 7001, subsections 34 and 35. The table is valid for the remainder of the 20th century.

10. Other provisions pertaining to deer.

- a. During any open hunting season on deer, it is unlawful to place salt or any other bait or food to entice deer or hunt from an observation stand or blind overlooking salt, grain, fruit, nuts or other foods known to be attractive to deer (does not apply to hunting from an observation stand or blind overlooking: standing crops; foods that have been left as a result of normal agricultural operations or as a result of natural occurrence; or bear bait that has been placed at a bear hunting stand or blind in accordance with bear baiting laws (page 31).
- b. It is unlawful to hunt deer with the use of dogs, artificial lights, snares, traps, pivot guns or set guns.
- c. It is unlawful to hunt deer with any firearm using .22 caliber rimfire cartridges, except that .22 caliber rimfire magnum cartridges are permitted.
- d. It is unlawful to drive deer or take part in a deer drive. (TO DRIVE DEER means an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase or otherwise frighten or cause deer to move in the direction of any person or persons who are part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer).
- e. It is unlawful to hunt antlerless deer during the open firearms season on deer (including the special muzzle-loading season) without a special "Any-Deer" permit.

11. Other provisions pertaining to hunting bear

- a. It is unlawful to hunt for bear with the use of dogs during the open firearm season on deer.
- b. It is unlawful to use more than 4 dogs at any one time to hunt for bear.
- c. It is unlawful for a non-resident to use a dog or dogs to hunt for bear unless (s)he employs and hunts with a resident Maine guide. The total number of clients with a resident Maine guide may not be more than three. This section does not apply to non-residents who hold a valid Maine guide license.
- d. It is unlawful for a person to harvest bear if without the permission of the person conducting the hunt

that person kills or wounds a bear that is treed or held at bay by other person's dog or dogs.

- e. The Commissioner shall establish a line of demarcation at least 200 yards from sites permitted or licensed for the disposal of solid waste. It is unlawful to hunt, trap, molest or harass bear or release dogs to hunt for bear within this area.
- f. It is unlawful to present a bear for registration which has been field dressed in such a manner that the sex of the animal cannot be determined. Each bear must be presented for registration in its entirety, except for the viscera and rib cage, but the animal may be dismembered for ease of transportation.
- g. Bait may not be used to hunt black bear unless:
 - 1. The bait is placed at least 50 yards from any travel way that is accessible by a conventional 2-wheel or 4-wheel drive vehicle;
 - 2. The stand, blind, and bait areas are tagged by a 2x4" tag bearing the name and address of the baiter;
 - 3. The bait is placed more than 500 yards from any dump or campground;
 - 4. The bait is placed more than 500 yards from an occupied dwelling, unless written permission is granted by the owner or leasee;
 - 5. The bait is placed not more than 30 days before the opening day of the season and not after October 31st;
 - 6. The bait areas will be cleaned up by November 10 as defined by the State litter laws; and
 - 7. The person hunting from any stand or blind of another person has permission of the owner of that stand or blind.

"BEAR BAIT" means any animal or plant, or derivative of an animal or plant, used to attract bear. "Bear bait" does not include any packaging or container materials that fall within the definition of litter under Title 17, § 2263.

GENERAL TRAPPING PROVISIONS

"TO TRAP" means to set, place or tend any trap within the fields, forests or waters of the State, to kill any animal that is caught in a trap or to aid or assist another person in setting or placing a trap, tending a trap or killing an animal that is caught in a trap.

"TRAP" means any device that is designed primarily to catch or hold wild animals, including, but not limited to, a foothold trap, killer-type trap, cage-type trap or a snare.

DISTURBING TRAPS.....It is a violation of law for a person to take or disturb any trap or any wild animal found caught in any trap without the consent of the trap owner. A landowner is entitled to remove traps found on his property if permission to trap has not been granted. Any person convicted of disturbing traps, in addition to any penalty which may be imposed by a court of law, will not be eligible to purchase any license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for a period of three years.

1. **Closed season.** There is a closed season for the trapping of any species of wild animal or wild bird for which an open trapping season is not specifically provided.
2. **Closed season violation.** It is unlawful to trap any wild animal or wild bird during the closed season on that species or possess any wild animal or wild bird taken during the closed season on that species.
3. **Unlawful conduct.** It is unlawful to trap, possess or transport any wild animal or wild bird, or parts thereof, except as provided in the fish and wildlife laws.
4. **Traps to be labeled.** It is unlawful for a person to set any trap for wild animals without having the trap plainly labeled with his full name and address.
5. **Written permission to trap.** It is unlawful for any person to trap, except for beaver, on land in any organized or incorporated place, without first obtaining written permission from the owner or occupant. It is also unlawful for any person to trap, except for beaver, without written permission from the owner or occupant, on the following lands in unorganized places: a) Cultivated or pasture land which is used for agricultural purposes and on which is located an occupied dwelling; and b) Land within 200 yards of any occupied dwelling (organized towns also).

6. **Traps to be visited in organized places.** A person who traps in any organized or incorporated place is required to visit each trap, except under-ice water sets for beaver and muskrat, at least once in every calendar day, including Sunday.
7. **Traps to be visited in unorganized places.** A person who traps in any unorganized or deorganized place is required to visit each trap, except killer-type traps and water sets, so-called, at least once in every calendar day, including Sunday. Each killer-type trap or water set, so called, except under-ice water sets for beaver and muskrat, must be visited at least once in every 5 calendar days, including Sunday. (WATER SET means a trap set completely under water in such a manner as to reasonably ensure the drowning of any furbearing animal caught in the trap).
8. **Animals to be removed.** It is unlawful for a person to fail to remove any animal found caught in his/her trap.
9. **Trapping in populated areas.** It is unlawful for any person to trap outside his/her own land, within 1/2 mile of the compact, built-up portion of a city or village, except by the use of cage-type live traps and water sets.
10. **Trapping close to muskrat or beaver houses, etc.** It is unlawful to place, set or tend any trap within: a) 10 feet of a beaver house, muskrat den or house; b) 5 feet of a beaver dam, or c) 4 feet of a beaver trap which has been set by another trapper.
11. **Beaver trapping by non-resident.** It is unlawful for a non-resident to trap for beaver in this State.
12. **Advance preparation.** It is unlawful to make any advance preparation on the trapping grounds for the taking of beaver or muskrat previous to the open season on these animals.
13. **Pre-season trap placement.** No person shall stake, hook, fasten or position a trap at any trap site location in the fields, forests or waters of the State prior to opening day of the trapping season.
14. **Molesting muskrat or beaver house, etc.** It is unlawful to damage, molest or destroy a beaver house, a muskrat house or den or a beaver dam.

15. Other provisions for trapping bear.

- a. It is unlawful to set a bear trap unless it is enclosed by 2 strands of wire, one 2 and one 4 feet from the ground. The wire must be held securely in position not less than 5 yards nor more than 10 yards from the enclosed trap. The enclosure must be marked with signs bearing the words "BEAR TRAP" in letters at least 3 inches in height, and the signs must be spaced around the enclosure, securely attached to the top strand of wire, at intervals of not more than 20 feet. (NOTE: These provisions do not apply if cable traps are used).
- b. No person may have more than 2 traps set for bear at any one time.
- c. All bear traps must be visited by the trapper at least once in each calendar day.
- d. Cable traps with a closing diameter of not less than 2-1/2 inches may be used in trapping for bear.
- e. It is unlawful to catch a bear in a trap and allow another person to kill or register that bear.
- f. It is unlawful to present a bear for registration which has been field dressed in such a manner that the sex of the animal cannot be determined. Each bear must be presented for registration in its entirety, except for the viscera and rib cage, but the animal may be dismembered for ease of transportation.

16. **Eels for bait.** Licensed trappers may obtain a permit from the Commissioner to take not more than 20 pounds of eels annually for use in baiting traps.



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Maine Forest Service
Department of Conservation

LAWS PERTAINING TO TRAPPING EQUIPMENT

1. **Traps.** Wild animals may be trapped with common ordinary steel traps or killer-type traps. (NOTE: Killer-type traps include the conibear trap, so called, and all other traps of that type). Furbearing animals may be trapped with a common cage type live trap.
2. **Killer trap restrictions.** It is unlawful to use killer type traps with a jaw spread greater than 5 inches, except as follows:
 - a. Killer-type traps with a jaw spread of not over 8 inches may be used only if set completely under water or set at least 4 feet above the ground or snow.
 - b. Killer-type traps with a jaw spread of over 8 inches and snares may be used during the open season on beaver only if set completely under water.
3. **Traps with teeth.** It is unlawful, in WMU's 4, 7 and 8, to use any trap with teeth on the jaws from the opening day of the trapping season to the opening day of the firearm season on deer unless the trap is completely covered by water.
4. **Auxiliary teeth.** It is unlawful to use auxiliary teeth on any foot-hold trap set on dry land.
5. **Cable trap.** Cable traps with a closing diameter of not less than 2 1/2 inches may be used in trapping for bear.
6. **Pole trap.** It is unlawful to use any steel trap on the top of a pole, constituting a device known as a "pole trap", for the purpose of catching wild birds.
7. **Snares.** It is unlawful to trap with the use of snares except that snares may be used under water to trap beaver.
8. **Firearms.** It is lawful for a person who holds a valid trapping license to carry a firearm during the open trapping season for the sole purpose of dispatching trapped animals.

TRANSPORTATION AND TAGGING

1. **Transportation of game by resident.** Any resident may transport to his home any wild animal or wild bird which he has killed and which is legally in his possession. (See also pg. 26 for deer and bear transportation).
2. **Transportation of game by non-resident.** Any non-resident may transport or have transported to his home by common carrier, any wild animal or wild bird which he has killed and which is legally in his possession. (See also page 26 for deer and bear transportation).
3. **Open to view and accompanied.** Unless otherwise provided, any wild animal or wild bird transported shall be open to view and accompanied by the person who killed that animal or bird, except that a wild animal or wild bird transported for non-residents by common carrier need not be accompanied by the owner. (See special provisions under Laws Pertaining to Deer and Bear).
4. **Unlawful transportation.** It is unlawful to transport or offer for transportation any wild animal or wild bird except as provided in the fish and wildlife laws.
5. **Transportation in closed season.** It is unlawful to transport any wild animal or wild bird in closed season, except that any person who has taken any wild animal or wild bird in open season shall have a reasonable time after the beginning of the closed season to transport that animal or bird to his home.
6. **Furbearers to be tagged.** The raw skin of any beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, fox, marten, mink, or otter must be presented to a warden or other agent of the Commissioner for tagging. All information requested concerning each skin must be reported truthfully and accurately. A fee of 25¢ must be paid for each skin tagged.
7. **Fur to be tagged within certain time.** The raw skins of the above named species must be presented for tagging within 10 days after the close of the open season on that species, except that the raw skin of bobcats taken during the hunting season must be presented for tagging within 72 hours of the time the animal was killed. (Note: Of the eight furbearing species which require tagging, only bobcat, coyote and fox may be taken by hunting).

8. **Possession of untagged fur.** It is unlawful to possess, sell, give away, buy, accept as a gift, offer for transportation or transport the raw skin of any beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, fox, marten, mink, or otter unless each skin is tagged.
9. **Imported fur.** The raw skins of the above named species which are imported from any other state, country or province must bear the official stamp, tag or seal of that state, country or province. If that state, country or province requires no official stamp, tag or seal, each imported skin must be tagged in this State by the person in possession in the same manner as described in #6 above. (Note: Raw skins imported by taxidermists solely for taxidermy purposes need not be tagged).

FUR TAGGING STATIONS.....Fur tagging stations are located throughout the State. To determine the location of a fur tagging station in your area, call the nearest Warden Headquarters. (Toll-free numbers are listed on page 3).

TAGGING OF FROZEN SKINS.....It is almost impossible to insert a fur tag into a frozen skin unless certain steps have been taken prior to freezing. If there is any possibility that your furbearer skins will be frozen at the time they are presented for tagging (whether skinned or in the round) would you please insert a popsicle stick, tongue depressor, or similar object from the mouth hole through one of the eye holes prior to freezing. Removal of the stick or other object at the time of tagging allows the fur tag to be easily inserted in the skin without the need for partial thawing. Tagging agents may refuse to tag frozen skins which have not been prepared as requested above.

FEDERAL EXPORT PERMIT.....Federal law requires an export permit for any transportation of otter, bobcat, black bear, and ermine, or parts thereof to points outside the United States. For further information and permit applications, write: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, Room 420C, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203, Telephone (703)358-2104.

CLOSED & SPECIAL REGULATION AREAS

1. **Deer.** There is a closed season on deer in the following areas:
 - a). Mt. Desert Island, all of Swan Island in the town of Swan's Island, all of Long Island in Long Island Plantation and all of Cranberry Isles - all located in Hancock County;
 - b). Cross and Scotch Island - located in Washington County;
 - c). The town of Isle au Haut and islands within that town - located in Knox County; and
 - d). In wildlife sanctuaries, unless otherwise provided.
2. **Isleboro.** In the town of Isleboro, Waldo County, it is lawful to hunt deer with bow and arrow only from the first day of the special archery season on deer through the regular firearm season on deer in Waldo County.
3. **Southport.** In the town of Southport, Lincoln County, and on all islands within its confines, it is lawful to hunt deer with shotguns only, during the regular firearm season established for Lincoln County.
4. **Prout's Neck; Richmond's Island; Cape Elizabeth Sanctuary.** Approximately 1,600 acres of this sanctuary (land in Cape Elizabeth owned by Sprague Corporation) is open to deer hunting with bow and arrow only during the special archery and regular firearm seasons established for Cumberland County. (Note: Landowner permission required).
5. **Hunting and trapping on wildlife sanctuary.** Unless otherwise specifically provided, it is unlawful to hunt or trap any wild animal or wild bird or possess any firearm or bow and arrow within the limits of any wildlife sanctuary, or any area properly posted by the State of Maine.
6. **Wildlife Sanctuaries & Wildlife Management Areas.** Unless otherwise specifically provided, it is unlawful to hunt or trap any wild animal or wild bird within the following described territories:

Back Bay Sanctuary, Portland
 Baxter State Park closed to all
 hunting with the following
 exceptions:

The area north of Trout Brook in
 T6 R9; in T6 R10 or T2R9 where
 hunting under General Law is
 allowed.

Beauchamp Sanctuary
 Carver's Pond Waterfowl Sanctuary
 Colby College Area, Waterville
 Drake's Island Game Sanctuary
 Dry Pond Sanctuary (Crystal Lake)
 Fairfield Sanctuary*
 Glencove Sanctuary
 Gray Game Sanctuary
 Hog Island Game Sanctuary
 Jefferson & Whitefield Sanctuary
 Kineo Point Sanctuary
 Lake Christopher Area, Oxford
 County
 Limington, Hollis and Waterboro
 Sanctuary
 Long Lake Area, Aroostook County
 Lowell E. Barnes Area, Oxford
 County
 Marsh Island Area*, Old Town,
 Orono - Penobscot County
 Megunticook Lake and Vicinity
 Sanctuary
 Merrymeeting Bay Game Sanctuary
 Monroe Island Game Sanctuary
 Moosehead Lake Game
 Sanctuary
 Moosehorn Game Sanctuary

Narragansett Game
 Sanctuary*
 Oak Grove Area, Vassalboro
 Ocean Park Game and Bird
 Sanctuary
 Orrington Game Sanctuary
 Pittston Farm Sanctuary
 Prout's Neck; Richmond's
 Island; Cape Elizabeth
 Sanctuary* (see excep-
 tion pg. 38).
 Rangeley Game Sanctuary in
 Franklin County
 Rangeley Lake Sanctuary
 Rangeley Plantation Sanctu-
 ary
 Readfield and Winthrop
 Sanctuary
 Salmon Pond Sanctuary
 Sebago Lake Basin Area,
 Standish, Windham
 Somerset Game Sanctuary
 Standish Sanctuary
 Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary,
 Ellsworth
 Thorncrag-Stanton Bird Sanc-
 tuary
 Tomhegan Game Sanctuary
 Wells Sanctuary
 Wells & York Game
 Sanctuary
 Willow Water Game
 Sanctuary
 York Game Sanctuary,
 Franklin County

*Trapping allowed in accordance with the general laws of the
 State.

7. **Gray Squirrels.** It is unlawful to hunt gray squirrels on
 any land which is dedicated as a public or private park
 or on any land located within the limits of the compact
 or built-up portion of any city or town.
8. **Haley Pond.** It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Haley
 Pond in the town of Rangeley and Dallas Plantation,
 Franklin County.
9. **Unity Utilities District.** It is unlawful to hunt on the
 Unity Utilities District Property located on Route #139
 and Prairie Road in Unity, Waldo County.

HUNTING ON LANDS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU OF PARKS & RECREATION

General hunting is allowed between October 1 and May 1 on lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation with the following exceptions:

1. Hunting is not allowed in any Memorial or Historic Site.
2. Hunting is not allowed in Aroostook, Cobscook Bay, Crescent Beach, Ferry Beach, Quoddy Head, Reid, Sebago Lake, Two Lights and Wolf Neck State Parks.
3. Hunting is not allowed in Holbrook Island Sanctuary.
4. Work areas and areas developed for public use will be posted and closed to hunting from time to time in the interest of public safety.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

NOTE: Beginning in 1996 on National Wildlife Refuges which permit hunting of upland game, persons hunting upland species other than deer and turkey with a shotgun shall possess and use only nontoxic shot while in the field.

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal refuge regulations, contact:

- 1) Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge (Baring and Edmunds Units), RR #1, Box 202, Baring, ME 04694; telephone (207) 454-7161.
- 2) Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 279, Millbridge, ME 04658; telephone (207) 546-2124.
- 3) Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, 1033 South Main Street, Old Town, ME 04468; telephone (207) 827-6138.
- 4) Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge, RR2, Box 751, Wells, ME 04090; telephone (207) 646-9226.
- 5) Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 280, Errol, N.H. 03579; telephone (603) 482-3415.

INDIAN TERRITORY

As a result of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, lands purchased by the Penobscot Indian Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe within certain designated areas of the State are classified as Indian territory and are given "special" legal status. The Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe, within their respective Indian territories, have exclusive authority to regulate hunting and trapping. At the time of this publication, parcels of Indian territory had been acquired within the following areas:

PENOBSCOT NATION: **Franklin County:** Alder Stream Twp. **Penobscot County:** T2R9 NWP (western portion), T3R9 NWP (eastern portion), T6R8 WELS (western portion) Argyle Twp. (northern portion) and T3R1 NBPP (northeastern portion). **Piscataquis County:** T6R8 NWP. The Penobscot Nation also has exclusive authority to regulate hunting and trapping in the Penobscot Reservation, consisting of all islands in the Penobscot River north of, and including, Indian Island, located near Old Town, Maine. Contact the Penobscot Nation, Department of Natural Resources for specific locations of Reservation islands.

PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE: **Franklin County:** Lowelltown, T1R8 WBKP. **Hancock County:** T3&4ND. **Washington County:** T5ND, BPP; T19 MD, Indian Twp., and Pleasant Point, Perry. **Penobscot County:** T3R9 NWP, T5R1 NBPP, TAR7 WELS. **Somerset County:** Holeb T6R1 NBKP, Prentiss, T4R4 NBKP, Hammond Twp, T3R4 NBKP, Alder Brook Twp., T3R3 NBKP, Pittston Academy Grant, T2R4 NBKP, Soldiertown Twp., T2R3 NBKP.

Most of these areas will be conspicuously posted as Indian Territory. Anyone wishing to hunt or trap on Indian territory should contact the appropriate Indian agency for further information.

PENOBSCOT INDIAN NATION, Department of Natural Resources, Old Town, ME 04468; Phone: 827-7776, Ext. 230

PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE: Ranger Department, Box 301, Princeton, ME 04668, Phone: 796-2677

GENERAL INFORMATION

TREE STANDS.....It is unlawful to insert any metallic or ceramic object into a tree on land of another for the purpose of erecting a ladder or tree stand. You must obtain verbal or written permission from the landowner (or representative) to erect and use a portable or permanent tree ladder or stand and the ladder or stand must be plainly labeled with a 2-inch by 4-inch tag identifying the name and address of the person or persons authorized by the landowner to use the stand or ladder. All ladders or stands erected on another person's land must be removed by the beginning of the 10th day following the close of the hunting season. (EXCEPTION: Portable tree stands or ladders used on land within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and attended by the person who owns the ladder or stand shall not require landowner permission or labelling.

REPORTING ACCIDENTS & AIDING VICTIMS.... Any person who knows or has reason to believe that he/she has inflicted injury to another person by the use of firearms or bow and arrow is required to make themselves known to the victim and render such first aid and assistance as he/she is capable of under the circumstances. He/she is also required to report the incident, by the quickest means, to a game warden or other law enforcement officer.

A CAUTION ON LIVER AND KIDNEY CONSUMPTION....The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the State Bureau of Health recommend that the liver and kidneys of moose not be eaten because of possible contamination with the heavy metal cadmium. Also, recent studies have shown smaller amounts of cadmium in liver tissues from Maine deer, and deer, elk and antelope from other States. Maine health officials recommend that deer liver consumption be limited to 0.8 pounds in one sitting and 1 to 1-1/3 pounds per week. Human symptoms of acute cadmium poisoning include severe nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle cramps and salivation. **There is no known health risk from eating moose meat or deer meat.**

GENERAL INFORMATION

MUNICIPAL FIREARM ORDINANCES.....Several Maine cities and towns have adopted local ordinances which restrict or prohibit the discharge of firearms. These ordinances have been enacted in the interest of public safety. Prior to hunting near thickly settled communities, hunters should check with local authorities concerning the possible existence of firearm ordinances.

HUNTER CHECK STATIONS.....We suggest that whether you are successful or not, you stop in at one of the Department's deer hunter check stations (which are not registration stations). Our wildlife biologists collect information which is valuable in determining regional deer herd productivity and condition and figuring sex and age ratios. You will receive facts and figures from last year's season, and the information you provide will be a basis for management decisions to be made next year.

BIG BUCK SKULL AND ANTLER TROPHY CLUB.....Maine has a club for deer hunters called "The Biggest Bucks in Maine Club", which is sponsored by THE MAINE SPORTSMAN (Box 507, Yarmouth, ME 04096). To qualify, a hunter must shoot a buck weighing at least 200 pounds (field dressed). Application blanks are available from Department wardens and biologists. In addition, any hunter who takes a trophy deer, bear or moose may wish to obtain information concerning The Maine Skull and Antler Trophy Club. Contact Richard P. Arsenault, The Maine Skull and Antler Trophy Club, RR 15, Box 190, Gorham, ME 04038.

VOLUNTEERS

If you're willing to give your time and energy to help us manage Maine's precious natural resources and protect our outdoor heritage, give us a call. We have projects that involve volunteer help.

Our volunteer coordinator is Charlie Mann he can be reached at 287-8069.

**Maine Department of Inland
Fisheries and Wildlife**

LAWS PERTAINING SPECIFICALLY TO JUVENILES

1. **Hunting Prohibited.** Persons under 10 years of age are not allowed to hunt at any time.
2. **Hunters to be accompanied.** Persons 10 years of age or older and under 16, may hunt with firearms only in the presence of that person's parent or guardian or an approved adult who is at least 18 years of age. That presence must be unaided by visual or audio enhancement devices, including binoculars and citizen band radios. A hunter who is 16 years of age and who is hunting with a junior hunting license, prior to hunting without the adult supervision required by this section, must complete a hunter safety course.
3. **Junior hunting license.** Persons at least 10 years of age and under 16 years of age are eligible for a junior hunting license.
4. **Trapping without license.** Persons under 10 years of age are allowed to trap without a license.
5. **Trappers to be accompanied.** Persons under 10 years of age engaged in trapping activities must be accompanied at all times by a parent or an approved adult who is at least 18 years of age. Persons over 10 years of age and under 16 years of age who hold a junior trapping license shall be accompanied by an adult at all times while trapping, unless the holder of the junior trapping license submits proof of having successfully completed a trapper education course.
6. **Licenses issued to 15 year olds.** Trapping and hunting licenses purchased by juveniles who have passed their 15th birthday are valid throughout the year for which the license was issued.

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14 MRSA §159-A Limited Liability for Recreational or Harvesting Activities

1. Definitions:

- A. "PREMISES" means improved and unimproved lands, private ways, roads, any buildings or structures on those lands and waters standing on, flowing through or adjacent to those lands.
- B. "RECREATIONAL OR HARVESTING ACTIVITIES" means recreational activities conducted out-of-doors, including, but not limited to, hunting, fishing, trapping, camping, environmental education and research, hiking, sight-seeing, operating snow-traveling and all-terrain vehicles, skiing, hang-gliding, dog sledding, equine activities, boating, sailing, canoeing, rafting or swimming or activities that involved harvesting or gathering forest, field or marine products. It includes entry of, volunteer maintenance and improvement of, use of and passage over premises in order to pursue these activities. "Recreational or harvesting activities" does not include commercial agricultural or timber harvesting.

2. Limited Duty. An owner, lessee, manager, holder or an easement or occupant of premises shall owe no duty of care to keep the premises safe for entry or use by others for recreational or harvesting activities or to give warning of any hazardous condition, use, structure or activity on these premises to persons entering for those purposes. This subsection applies regardless of whether the owner, lessee, manager, holder of an easement or occupant has given permission to another to pursue recreational or harvesting activities on the premises.

3. Permissive use. An owner, lessee, manager, holder of an easement or occupant who gives permission to another to pursue recreational or harvesting activities on the premises shall not thereby:

- A. Extend any assurance that the premises are safe for those purposes;
- B. Make the person to whom permission is granted an invitee or licensee to whom a duty of care is owed; or

C. Assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to person or property caused by any act of persons to whom the permission is granted.

4. Limitation on section. This section shall not limit the liability which would otherwise exist:

A. For a willful or malicious failure to guard or to warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure or activity;

B. For an injury suffered in any case where permission to pursue any recreational or harvesting activities was granted for a consideration other than the consideration, if any, paid to the following:

(1) The landowner or the landowner's agent by the State; or

(2) The landowner or the landowner's agent for use of the premises on which the injury was suffered, as long as the premises are not used primarily for commercial recreational purposes and as long as the user has not been granted the exclusive right to make use of the premises for recreational activities; or

C. For an injury caused, by acts of persons to whom permission to pursue any recreational or harvesting activities was granted, to other persons to whom the person granting permission, or the owner, lessee, manager, holder of an easement or occupant of the premises, owed a duty to keep the premises safe or to warn of danger.

5. No duty created. Nothing in this section creates a duty of care or ground of liability for injury to a person or property.

6. Costs and fees. The court shall award any direct legal costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, to an owner, lessee, manager, holder of an easement or occupant who is found not to be liable for injury to a person or property pursuant to this section.



PROJECT LandShare

Most outdoor recreation in Maine takes place on private property through the generosity of the landowner. Only by respecting landowners and their property can we be sure we will have land available in the future for the various forms of outdoor recreation we enjoy, including hunting and trapping. If you know you are welcome to use someone's land, don't abuse the privilege. If you don't know whether you are welcome, find out. If the land is posted or you know you are not welcome, find another location. A hunting or trapping license does not give you the right - stated or implied - to go on another person's land against their wishes. ALWAYS SEEK PERMISSION before engaging in any form of outdoor recreation on property which belongs to someone else. Several new laws pertaining to posting land and damage to another's land are now in effect. The following is a summary:

Damage to Another's Property (14 MRSA, §7551):

Any person who damages the property of another is liable to the owner in a civil action. Violations of this law will have the following results:

1. If the damage is intentional the person doing the damage is liable to the owner for 2 times the actual damage plus additional costs which includes the attorney fees of the landowner;
2. If the damage is unintentional, the person doing the damage is liable to the owner for the amount of the actual damage plus additional costs which includes attorney fees of the landowner;
3. A person doing damage to property of another may also be charged criminally for doing the damage.

Posting of Land (17-A MRSA, §402:

1. Signs can be no further apart than 100 feet
2. Signs can now be used and enforced that deny access for a particular recreational activity.
3. Paint system: Two horizontal lines of silver-colored paint on trees, rocks, fenceposts or other objects now mean access by permission only. Each silver line is to be 2 inches in height and 8 inches in length or the width of the object placed on it is less than 8 inches across. Both silver lines must be placed between 3 feet and 6 feet above ground level and be on the side of the object visible to a person approaching the restricted property. (The objects the silver paint marks are placed on can be no further apart than 100 feet). Silver paint marks used alone or in conjunction with signs is legal and enforceable.
4. Signs or paint markings must be at all vehicular access entries from a public road.
5. Signs or paint markings are only required on the portion of property where access is prohibited or limited.
6. The law still allows landowners to post their land "in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of the intruder".
7. It shall be unlawful to knowingly post the land of another.
8. It shall be unlawful to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any signs or paint marks.
9. A person is guilty of trespass by a motor vehicle if that person intentionally or knowingly permits a motor vehicle belonging to that person or subject to that person's control to enter or remain in or on land of another.

For information on other provisions of these laws, contact IF&W's Landowner Coordinator at 287-8091.

I have been a licensed hunter in Maine since 1976 or I am a graduate of an Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Hunter Safety Course or recognized equivalent of a Maine IF & W Safety Course. I agree to conduct myself safely, responsibly and lawfully, respecting the landowner, property, and others using it. I accept the responsibilities which are part of the activities which I pursue. I agree to comply with the instructions of the landowner while on this property.

I understand that the laws of the State of Maine absolve the landowner from liability for nonpaying recreationists engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, and certain other activities, except in the case of a willful or malicious act by the landowner or agent..

Signed _____ visitor



Date ____/____/____

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Call 1-800-ALERT US

I hereby give permission to: (Visitor's name)

_____ to enter my property for the purpose listed on the reverse side of this card. He/she has agreed to act safely, responsibly, and lawfully and to accept responsibility for his/her actions.



_____ (landowner, lessee, or operator)

Date ____/____/____

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LANDOWNER PERMISSION RECORD

Landowner Copy

Permission given to _____

Address _____

Vehicle Make _____ Yr. _____ Color _____

Veh. Lic. No. _____ No. in party _____

Other licenses, tag no. _____

Permission dates: fr. ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations: _____

This card provided by the
Maine Dept. of IF&W — Landowner Relations

Visitor Copy — Non-Transferrable

I request permission to enter your property for the
following purpose:

Dates: from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____

Limitations _____

Landowner's Name _____

Address _____

**By signing, a landowner accepts no responsibility.
This is a courtesy card only.**

TARGET IDENTIFICATION WHILE HUNTING

While hunting, a hunter may not shoot at a target without, at that point in time, being certain that it is the wild animal or wild bird sought. The target-determining process to be utilized is that which a reasonable and prudent hunter would observe in the same situation. A reasonable and prudent hunter always bears the risk of loss of legitimate prey to avoid the risk of the destruction of human life. A reasonable and prudent hunter neither disregards the risk of causing the death of another human being nor fails to be aware of that risk as a consequence of misidentification. A reasonable and prudent hunter never bases identification upon sound alone or even upon sound in combination with what appears to be an appendage of the wild animal or wild bird sought. A reasonable and prudent hunter, independent of these target determining factors, bases identification upon obtaining an essentially unobstructed view of the head and torso of the potential target. This visual sighting is the most critical target-determining factor. Visual sighting of the head and torso may present itself intermittently or continuously. If presented intermittently, a reasonable and prudent hunter does not make a target-identification decision until this visual sighting exists at the point in time the hunter takes aim and is making final preparation to shoot. A reasonable and prudent hunter additionally recognizes that these sound and sight target-determining factors are affected by a number of other considerations, including, but not limited to the distance to the target, surrounding or intervening terrain and cover, lighting and weather conditions, the hunter's own ability to hear and see, the hunters own experience and the proximity of other persons in the hunter's immediate vicinity.

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natural setting. Most of the sites listed are on publicly-owned land, but **all** sites are open for careful public use and enjoyment.

The book is organized by geographic regions and describes each site in detail — how to get there, the species you might expect to see, details on the availability of restrooms, parking, and other facilities, and much more, in-

cluding information on access for persons with disabilities.

The guide is published by MAINE FISH AND WILDLIFE Magazine, generously assisted by many volunteer naturalists and photographers throughout the state. Production funding was provided through the magazine's budget, which in turn will benefit from proceeds from sales of the book.

To order, send check or money order for \$5.95 (payable to Maine Fish and Wildlife) to:
WATCHABLE WILDLIFE
284 State Street, Station 41
Augusta, ME 04333



A statement from the employees of the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife...



We believe that Maine should offer all people the opportunity to enjoy a unique diversity of fish and wildlife resources.



OUR VISION IS OF A DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE THAT:

- conserves, protects and enhances the inland fisheries and wildlife resources;
- increases opportunities for the use of these resources by all people;
- responds to the needs of the people by providing services of the highest quality;
- fosters public awareness and involvement; merits public confidence, respect and support; and
- promotes efficiency in program management through employee involvement, initiative, innovation and teamwork.

WE, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE, VALUE:

Stewardship

We take pride in providing the highest level of stewardship for our fish and wildlife resources.

Pride in Work

We will make every effort to provide the highest level of customer service and satisfaction.

Quality in Our Service

We hold our work to the highest standards of quality

Personal Responsibility

We take responsibility for personal integrity, individual contribution and highest level of performance in our service.

Continuous Improvement

We vigorously strive for excellence, and continuously seek to improve our performance.

Diversity

We encourage mutual respect and recognize the contributions diversity brings to job performance and creativity.

Teamwork

We promote teamwork by providing a cooperative work environment that fosters:

- open and honest communication
- personal and professional growth
- the best use of our resources

• Quality Management Council •

SUPERSPORT

Among the thousands of licensed anglers and hunters who enjoy Maine woods and waters, there is a small but growing number of license holders who care enough about the preservation of their sport to be called SUPERSPORTS.

That's right. SUPERSPORT license holders - who pay a few dollars extra for their annual licenses to hunt or fish - are special sportsmen, dedicated hunters and anglers with high ethical standards and a strong dedication to the natural resources of the State.

A SUPERSPORT endorsement may be obtained for any of Maine's standard hunting and fishing licenses. Money generated by the sale of SUPERSPORT licenses is earmarked for landowner relations programs designed to keep the more than 90 percent of privately owned land accessible and open to the public.

Continued access to Maine land is the major incentive of the SUPERSPORT program, but as in the past, there are other advantages as well. An attractive SUPERSPORT vehicle decal, and a subscription to the Maine Fish and Wildlife Magazine is included plus the first 5,000 licensed SUPERSPORTS will receive a colorful, photo-rich watchable wildlife guide.

Ask about SUPERSPORT the next time you buy a license to hunt and fish in Maine!

1996 SUPERSPORT

**YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROGRAM IS VITAL TO THE
FUTURE OF OUTDOOR RECREATION IN MAINE, SO
BECOME A SUPERSPORT - IT'S A SUPERDEAL.**

1996 HUNTING & TRAPPING LICENSE FEES

(See Page 16 for more information on below listed licenses).

(Fees do not include the \$1.00 agent fee)

RESIDENT

Hunting (16 & older)	19.00
Small Game Hunting (16 & older)	12.00
Combination Hunting & Fishing (16 & older)	36.00
Supersport (See page 44 for information)	46.00
Junior Hunting (10 to 15 years inclusive)	5.00
Combination Hunting & Fishing (70 & older)	free
Combination Fishing/Archery (16 & older)	36.00
Serviceman (resident) Combination Hunting & Fishing	20.00
Disabled War Veteran (resident)	free
Archery Hunting (16 & older)*	19.00
Archery Hunting (70 & older)	free
Muzzle-loading (10 & older)	11.00
Muzzle-loading (70 & older)	free
Trapping (16 & older)	33.00
Trapping (70 & older)	free
Junior Trapping (10 to 15 years inclusive)	7.00
Resident deer or bear transport tag (in-state)	5.00
Resident deer or bear transport tag (out-of-state)	55.00

NON-RESIDENT

Big Game Hunting (16 years & older)	85.00
Combination Hunting & Fishing (16 & older)	123.00
Small Game Hunting (16 & older)	55.00
3-day Small Game hunting (valid for 3 consecutive days) ..	30.00
Junior Hunting (10 to 15 years)	25.00
Archery Hunting (16 & older)	55.00
Muzzle-loading (10 & older)	33.00
Trapping (any age)	308.00

ALIEN

Big Game Hunting (10 & older)	125.00
Combination Hunting & Fishing (10 & older)	176.00
Small Game Hunting (16 & Older)	70.00
Archery Hunting (16 & older)	70.00
Muzzle-loading (10 & older)	58.00

OTHER FEES

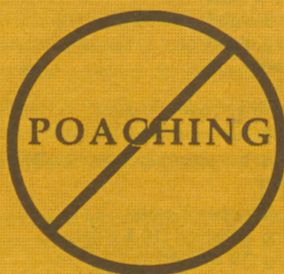
Duplicate License	2.00
Guide (18 and older) (3 year license)	79.00
State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp (16 & older)	2.50
Pheasant Stamp (Cumberland & York Counties)	15.00
Coyote Night Hunting Permit	2.00
Falconry	24.00
Wildlife Propagation Permit (2-year permit)	25.00
Hide Dealer (resident)	58.00
Hide Dealer (non-resident)	108.00
Seasonal Hide Dealers License (See Pg. 20)	10.00
Taxidermist	75.00
Deer or Bear Registration	1.00
Bear Permit (Resident & Non-resident)	See Page 9

NOTE: A SMALL GAME LICENSE permits the hunting of all species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat.

NOTICE

VIOLATION OF FISH & WILDLIFE
LAWS/REGULATIONS COULD MEAN
LOSS OF LICENSE/PERMIT
PRIVILEGES!

Is it really worth the risk?



Maine has tough penalties for violators of its fish and game laws. It is important that you read the regulations. Convictions for violations of certain statutes, including laws and rules listed in this booklet, may result in the loss of your right to possess or obtain Department issued licenses and permits.